

HOUSE HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 1

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) To promote the highest level of effectiveness, efficiency, coordination and accountability in the distribution and utilization of limited public funds available for prevention, intervention and treatment of substance abuse and dependency, there is created within the department of health the commission on publicly funded services to combat substance abuse and dependency. The commission shall consist of the following members: the assistant commissioner for the bureau of alcohol and drug abuse services within the department of health, who shall serve as chair; the comptroller of the treasury, or the comptroller's designee; the commissioner of children's services, or the commissioner's designee; the commissioner of education, or the commissioner's designee; the commissioner of finance and administration, or the commissioner's designee; the commissioner of health, or the commissioner's designee; the commissioner of human services, or the commissioner's designee; the commissioner of mental health and mental retardation, or the commissioner's designee; the commissioner of labor, or the commissioner's designee; the executive director of the council of juvenile and family court judges; the executive director of the district attorneys general conference; the executive director of the

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district public defenders conference; and three (3) citizen members who shall be appointed by the governor for terms running concurrently with the appointing governor's term of office, who shall not be professionally or financially engaged in the delivery or provision of services for the prevention or treatment of substance abuse or dependency, and who shall be residents of each of the state's three (3) grand divisions. A quorum of the commission shall consist of not less than eight (8) members. The commission shall meet at least quarterly and, at other times, upon the call of the chair. Staff assistance for the commission shall be provided by the department of health.

(b) To promote the highest level of effectiveness, efficiency, coordination and accountability in the distribution and utilization of limited public funds, it shall be the duty of the commission to review all grants and contracts through which substance abuse and dependency prevention, intervention and treatment services will be funded by or through any department or agency of state government. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, no such grant or contract shall be issued or renewed by any such state department or agency without prior review and approval by the commission.

(c) The commission shall develop and implement policies and procedures to govern and facilitate its review and evaluation of the proposed issuance or renewal of grants and contracts. Such policies and procedures shall require the

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affected department or agency and the proposed recipient or contractor to bear the burden of demonstrating, to the commission's satisfaction, the necessary components of effectiveness, efficiency, coordination and accountability.

(d) To the extent that funding is appropriated to the commission specifically for such purpose, the commission is authorized to directly administer a grant program for local education agencies which propose to develop and systematically implement, age appropriate for grades kindergarten (k) through twelve (12), substance abuse and dependency prevention, intervention, referral and aftercare programs.

(e) As used in this section, "substance" means any drug, including controlled substances, alcohol, drugs legally available only by means of prescription, drugs legally available without prescription and other chemicals, vapors or substances that are inhaled, ingested or injected contrary to the generally accepted usage for which such chemicals, vapors or substances are manufactured and sold.

SECTION 2. For purposes of organizing the commission and developing commission policies and procedures, this act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 1999.

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